

To whom it may concern:

XM and Sirius are in compliance with their licencing agreements. This petition is nothing more than an attempt by the NAB to eliminate the competition, not by providing superior service, but by legal maneuvering. The supposed reasoning is that local programming is the domain of terrestrial radio. The fact is that very little local programming is provided by the majority of terrestrial radio stations.

NAB claims that SDARS is directly competing with them in the local markets. SDARS is providing 24-hour in-depth traffic reports. How many terrestrial radio stations are providing 24-hour traffic information? Local radio stations only give traffic reports during rush hours. Which local radio station can I tune to at 3am for a traffic report? Terrestrial radio is not meeting the needs of its listeners. The NAB has a virtual monopoly on programming content. SDARS is a threat to this monopoly. Do not allow the monopoly to continue. Please do not grant this petition.

Sincerely,

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